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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with best interest into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light to fair. Breast items were light to no better than fair. Wings were sufficient, but instances tight for smaller sizes. Breast items and dark meat cuts were adequate to ample with limited movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 20-FEB-2006 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	63.88
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.23	41 :	57.24
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	57.10
Denver	75.50	75.50	13 :	76.25
Detroit	54.00-56.00	55.86	7 :	60.19
Los Angeles	76.00	74.26	68 :	69.60
New York	55.00-58.00	57.17	24 :	60.66
Philadelphia	54.50-56.00	55.59	11 :	55.83
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	56.09	11 :	62.20
St. Louis	54.25-54.50	53.98	20 :	55.23
San Francisco	76.50	75.68	30 :	77.13

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	02/20/06	Change/Last Wk	02/13/06	02/21/05
591	63.59	.72	62.87	71.47

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	58.00-60.00	59.60	32
Central	52.00-60.00	59.05	78
Western	59.00-64.00	62.94	40

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	67.00-70.00	68.35	94
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	
1,094	52.00-70.00	68.19
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	138.50	1,398
BREASTS - B/S	111.00	5,794
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,443
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	1,152
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	8,294
WINGS	100.00	2,976

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest was mostly no better than fair entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Most dark meat cuts were fully adequate to readily available. Wings were mostly adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with limited trading. Food service was fair to moderate, best for active fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best. Breast and wings items were sufficient, but dark meat was fully adequate to ample with little interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities were at unchanged prices. Trading reported, for this weeks' delivery, on regular commitments at unchanged prices; with new negotiations at mixed levels. Offerings were fully adequate to cover immediate trade needs. Buying activities had improved where features planned. Retail demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiments were barely steady on parts, with boneless and bone-in dark meat items in the weakest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .89 to 59.47; the volume reported was 7 percent higher at 30 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Majority prices on whole broiler/fryers were unchanged in all locations from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady. Offerings were light to adequate on the limited buyer interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with best movement into fast food channels. Floor stocks were balanced to long, while sizes were in a desirable range. Parts supplies were adequate to ample on breast cuts, tight on small wings, and plentiful on dark meat items with discounts noted. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady to barely steady on breast items, and barely steady to weak on dark meat cuts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to cook whole birds was only fair for early week business. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate, with floor stocks of lighter weights reported in a good workable position. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, offerings were at least adequate on all items. Leg quarters movement improved due in part to planned feature activity; balance of other items movement was reported as light to fair.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### FOR FEBRUARY 21 BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	54-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

### FOR FEBRUARY 20 BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	54-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair as dealers were selective and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenderloins were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were balanced to at least adequate. Drums and thighs were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged light to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak for drums, thighs and boneless skinless thigh meat. Other items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

Monday, Feb 20, 2006	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	AVG
			LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	113.72	225,060
TENDERLOINS	90-95	93.05	26,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	70.99	55,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	60.38	72,000
LEGS	35-36	39.94	51,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	23.15	90,560
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	36.65	33,480
THIGHS	29-30	36.62	25,240
B/S THIGHS	94-95	95.34	14,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	107.65	107,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.54	14,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.67	3,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.50	5,720

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,059	85.00-173.00	89-108	101.83
TENDERLOINS	252	85.00-191.00	89	92.52
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			-
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			-
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	2,299	14.50-27.00	16.5	16.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	516	17.00-27.00	18	18.32
WINGS (WHOLE)	839	82.00-105.00	-	97.20
DRUMSTICKS	299	23.00-35.00	23-27	25.89
THIGHS	1,682	22.00-33.00	29	27.29

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	02/21	02/17	02/17	02/14	02/10
Alabama	3,986	4,051	5.21	3,924	5.15
Arkansas	5,150	4,768	4.99	5,292	4.96
Delmarva	2,310	2,568	5.88	1,832	5.68
KY-LA-TN	2,283	2,559	4.83	2,271	5.13
Mississippi	2,637	3,285	5.51	2,810	5.61
North Carolina	2,598	2,745	6.69	2,507	6.59
Texas	2,432	2,475	5.08	2,492	5.13
Total	21,396	22,451	5.41	21,128	5.45
Mon-Tue	42,560(A)			42,524(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Feb 2005 is estimated to be 32,011,000 up 0.97 percent from a week ago. and up 1.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,705,000 last year 31,582,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	635	88.00-159.00	90-95	100.26
TENDERLOINS	265	85.00-149.00	-	98.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	52.00-60.00	55-58	55.56
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	186	22.00-42.00	24-26	25.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	586	13.00-22.00	16-17	16.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,050	17.00-27.00	18-19	18.86
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	92.00-101.00	94-97	96.20
WINGS (CUT)	245	110.00-121.00	-	118.41
DRUMSTICKS	66	28.00-42.00	-	29.27
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	128	71.00-100.00	-	81.52

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
35.50 - 42.50	38.56

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS** ICE-PACKED POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 06-FEB-TO 10-FEB-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	90.00 - 116.00	97.00 - 103.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	50.00 - 78.00	57.00 - 61.00
LEGS	30.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 28.00	20.00 - 22.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	18.00 - 30.00	22.00 - 24.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 34.00	-
THIGHS	27.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	99.00 - 116.00	104.00 - 108.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 59.00	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81.75-99.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85.25-102.25

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	95-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-106
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FFRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109-109
DUCKS	185-190

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

FEBRUARY 17, 2006				
<b>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</b> — <b>PRICES</b> — <b>VOLUME</b> —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.50	17.00-19.00	588,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	17.30		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-21.00	13.00-18.00	1,794,000	1,092,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.12	15.41		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

FEBRUARY 17, 2006				
<b>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</b> — <b>PRICES</b> — <b>VOLUME</b> —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	22.00	19.00	161,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	22.00	19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-14.50	13.00-18.00	1,051,200	440,800
WTD AVERAGE	12.42	14.89		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority were slightly higher when compared to week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.5	12-14	13.24
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal. Sales of dressed product were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.25	9-11	12.18

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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